

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

Easement, Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo County – Clear Lake Sanitary District

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the issuance of a two permanent easements to the Clear Lake Sanitary District to construct and maintain a relocated sewer force main.

The existing force main is located under the lakebed of the west portion of Clear Lake south of the City of Ventura. The force main is proposed to be moved to the new location to facilitate the Clear Lake dredging project scheduled to begin in summer 2008. One easement for the proposed new sewer line will occupy 15 feet in width by 300 feet in length, containing 0.13 acres, along the north shore of the lake across the former Harbor Inn property, acquired in 2004. The other easement will occupy 15 feet in width by 650 feet in length, containing 0.22 acres, along the south shore of the lake across the former Papajohn property, acquired in 2006.

The consideration for the easement is the value of vacating the existing sewer force main under the lakebed to enable the Clear Lake dredging project.

Linda Hanson, Administrator
Management Services Division
February 14, 2008

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**TOPIC Easement, Kellerton Bird Conservation Area, Ringgold County –
Ringgold County Soil and Water Conservation District, et.
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The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the issuance of a permanent easement jointly to the Ringgold County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors for the right to permanently or temporarily inundate 1.8 acres of the Kellerton Bird Conservation Area in Ringgold County.

The easement will accommodate construction of a federally cost shared pond on land owned by an adjacent landowner. The project will remove several large cottonwood trees from the adjacent property, which will clear the horizon improving the habitat for the Greater Prairie Chicken, a major species being managed on the Kellerton Bird Conservation Area.

No permanent water is expected on the wildlife area. If water crested at the top of the dam, 1.8 acres would be temporarily flooded and if water flows over the emergency spillway, 0.8 acres would be flooded.

The consideration for the easement is the habitat improvement realized by clearing of the adjacent property.

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